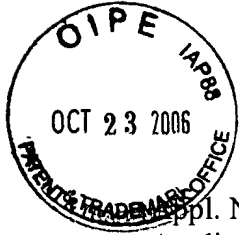


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

A final Office Action was issued in the above-referenced application on July 17, 2006, for which a response is due on October 17, 2006. Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application as amended herein under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (a)(1).

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Applicants enclose a check for \$395.00, which Applicants believe covers the fee for this Request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this Request or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

Date: October 17, 2006

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Sir:

In connection with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please enter the following amendments. Please continue examination and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and appended remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.